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References Cited

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Statement of Relevancy

Non Patent Literature Documents

- 1. Lu et al. (*J. Virol.* 2001 75:11146-11156); and Liu et al. (*Biochemistry* 2001 40:2797-2807) disclose gp41 ectodomain proteins (N-terminal peptide-linker-C-terminal peptide) each with an amino acid substitution (alanine- Lu et al.; threonine- Liu et al.) in the N-terminal portion of the gp41 ectodomain protein.
- 2. Eckert and Kim (PNAS 2001 98:11187-11192) disclose GCN4-HIV N-terminal peptide fusion proteins.

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